

## STEPHEN ACTS 6:8-15

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**WAS FULL OF GOD.** When we are controlled by the Holy Spirit, God's grace does great things. Grace is God's divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life. James Strong, *Dictionary of the New Testament*, #5485. (Acts 6:8-10, fn 6:8-10, Ephesians 5:17, 18, fn 5:18, II Timothy 2:1, fn 2:1, Hebrews 4:16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 12:15, fn 12:15, Romans 5:1) *How are you controlled by the Holy Spirit? What hinders your relationship with Christ?*

**WAS ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY.** The same accusations were made against Christ. Jesus Christ *is* the House, the Temple of God. The Holy Spirit wants us to follow Jesus, not tradition. (Acts 6:11-14, fn 6:11, fn 6:14, John 2:18-22, fn 2:21, 22, Matthew 26:57-67, fn 26:60, 61, Colossians 2:6-10, fn 2:8) *Why are we sometimes unable to see the Holy Spirit working in people's lives?*

**HAD THE FACE OF AN ANGEL.** Stephen's countenance was the radiance of Christ in him. (Acts 6:15, Exodus 34:28-35, fn 34:28-35, Psalms 34:5, Matthew 17:1-3, II Corinthians 3:7-18, fn 3:13-18, Colossians 1:27 fn 1:26, 27) *How does Stephen, as pictured in 6:15, illustrate a wonderful, personal relationship with Christ?*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*